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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

**Betts et al.**

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Examiner: **Ghulamali, Qutbuddin**

Docket No. 1999-13 (61607-1260)

For: **Method and Apparatus for Reducing Transmission  
Errors Caused by Periodic Transients in Digital  
Subscriber Line (DSL) Communication Systems**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (WITH AMENDMENTS)**

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Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed January 9, 2004 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 3, 17, 18, 19, and 27-29 are amended; claims 1-2, 6-16, 22-26, and 30-33 are canceled; and claims 34-74 are added. Claims 3-5, 17-21, 27-29, and 34-74 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

***AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT***

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 16-0255.

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